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A PRIMER OF PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL DISEASE. For Use in Training-Schools for Attendants and Nurses and in Medical Classes, and as a Ready Reference for the Practitioner. By C. B. Burr, M.D., Medical Director of Oak Grove Hospital (Flint, Mich.) for Mental and Nervous Diseases; Formerly Medical Superintendent of the Eastern Michigan Asylum; Member of the American Medico-Psychological Association; of the American Medical Association; Foreign Associate Member Société Medico-Psychologique of Paris, etc. *Third edition.* Thoroughly revised, with illustrations. Pages viii-183, 12mo. Bound in extra vellum cloth, \$1.25 net. F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street, Philadelphia.

Nothing could be simpler than this modestly-named primer, and yet the subject is not in the least degree attenuated or lifeless.

The first two-thirds of the book are devoted to Psychology and Insanity respectively. The last third is comprised in two chapters,—“Management of Cases of Insanity from the Medical Standpoint,” and “Management of Cases of Insanity from the Nursing Standpoint.”

All through the book one feels that the author has more than the ordinary measure of generosity in his makeup, and his closing lines very pleasantly confirm our conjectures: “From among nurses caring for insane whom I have known there might be constituted a large army of men and women, than whom none could be more loyal, true, devoted, and self-sacrificing. If their merits have sometimes seemed to fail of appreciation they are at least entitled to the comfort that springs from the reflection: ‘Charity ever finds in the act reward.’ ”

THE EXAMINATION OF THE FUNCTION OF THE INTESTINES BY MEANS OF THE TEST-DIET: Its Application in Medical Practice and its Diagnostic and Therapeutic Value. By Prof. Dr. Adolf Schmidt, Physician-in-chief of the City Hospital Friedrichstadt in Dresden. Authorized translation from the latest German edition, by